

HOUSE RESOLUTION 51

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary Coates of Hamblen County on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Fairview-Marguerite.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Coates is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mary Coates has recently been selected Teacher of the Year at Fairview-Marguerite, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mary Coates received her Bachelor's Degree from East Tennessee State University and has earned 15 graduate hours; and

WHEREAS, Mary Coates has served with acumen and alacrity as a 2nd, 3rd, and 7th grade teacher for 29 exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Coates is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mary Coates truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, always on the forefront of education, Mary Coates has been a teacher in a 21st Century Classroom since 1992 and was a presenter at Tennessee Educational Technology in 1994 and 1995; and

WHEREAS, generous with her free time, Mary Coates is also a former West High Band Booster Vice President and a member and Sunday School teacher at Calvary Baptist Church, where she is also a member of the Bereavement Food Committee; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mary Coates is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her family; and

WHEREAS, Mary Coates truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary Coates on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Fairview-Marguerite, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.